



## **Superior Court of California County of Riverside**

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### **GOVERNOR BROWN APPOINTS THREE JUDGES TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY:** On Tuesday, December 27, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. announced the appointment of three new judges to the Riverside County Superior Court bench.

Raquel A. Marquez has been a senior deputy district attorney in the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2011, serving in the office as a deputy district attorney since 1991. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from Santa Clara University. Ms. Marquez fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Carol D. Codrington to the Court of Appeal.

Otis Sterling III has served as a supervising district attorney in the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2002. Previously, he was a public defender for the Salt Lake City Legal Defender's Association from 1998 to 2002. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the J. Ruben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University. Mr. Sterling fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Paul E. Zellerbach.

John W. Vineyard has served as a court commissioner for the Riverside Superior Court since 2008. He previously was a sole practitioner from 2005 to 2008, senior counsel for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld from 1998 to 2005, partner at Burke Williams and Sorenson in 1998, and an attorney at Thomas Mort Prosser and Knudsen from 1989 to 1998. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Davis School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeast Louisiana University. Commissioner Vineyard fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge W. Charles Morgan.

Presiding Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth remarked, "I am extremely pleased that the Governor has appointed these three outstanding individuals as judges. It is apparent that each of them will contribute greatly to the work of this court. The citizens of this county are very lucky to have them."

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